EXHIBIT 4

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                    CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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    A.J.P. and A.M.P., minors, by and
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     through their quardian ad litem
     Cynthia Nunez, individually and as
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     successor in interest to Albert Perez,)
     deceased, and PATRICIA RUIZ,
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     individually,
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                    Plaintiffs,
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                    vs.
                                            ) Case No.
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                                            )5:22-CV-01291-SSS-SHK
     COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, and DOES
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     1-10, inclusive,
                     Defendants.
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                 REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF
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                              CORY MCCARTHY
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	2	NOVEMBER 9, 2023
	3	10:06 A.M.
	4	CORY MCCARTHY,
	5	called as a witness on behalf of the Plaintiffs, having been
	6	first duly sworn remotely via videoconference, was examined
	7	and testified as follows:
	8	EXAMINATION
	9	BY MR. GALIPO:
1	.0	Q. Can you please state your name.
1	.1	A. Yes, sir. My first name is Cory, C-o-r-y, last name
1	.2	is M-c-c-a-r-t-h-y.
1	.3	Q. Have you ever had your deposition taken before?
1	4	A. Yes, sir.
1	.5	Q. Have you been named as a defendant in a lawsuit
1	.6	before to your knowledge?
1	_7	A. Yes, sir.
1	.8	Q. And how many prior occasions?
1	.9	A. I know two. And I believe there may be been one
2	20	more earlier on in my career, but I can't speak for certain
2	21	on that specific one.
2	22	Q. In the incident with Mr. Perez did you fire any
2	23	shots?
2	24	A. Yes, I did.
2	25	Q. How many shots did you fire?

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1	A	I fired 14 shots.
2	Q.	What type of weapon did you fire the shots from?
- 3	Α.	I had a rifle.
4	Q.	Have you been involved in any other officer-involved
5	shooting	gs?
6	А.	Yes, sir.
7	Q.	When was the first one that you were involved in?
8	А.	I believe it was November of 2019.
9	Q.	And were you shooting at a person at that time as
10	opposed	to an animal?
11	А.	Yes, sir.
12	Q.	And do you know how many shots you fired in that
13	incident	:?
14	А.	Yes, sir.
15	Q.	How many shots?
16	Α.	I fired one shot.
17	Q.	And what type of firearm was involved in that
18	incident	:?

- 19 A. I had a rifle, sir.
- Q. Do you know if your shots struck the person?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Is it your belief that it did?
- 23 A. Yes, it did.
- Q. Did that person survive, if you know?
- 25 A. No. That person did not.

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- Q. Did you review a transcript of that interview
- 3 recently?
- 4 A. If you're referring to my interview with the
- 5 homicide detectives, yes, I did.
- 6 Q. Yes. That's what I was referring to.
- 7 Thank you. Now, before the date of the incident
- 8 with Mr. Perez, do you have an estimate as to how many times
- 9 you have scene a suspect with a gun in their hand?
- 10 A. Honestly, I couldn't give you an estimate.
- There's been several times where I've seen a suspect
- 12 with a firearm either in their hand on various occasions.
- Q. Do you know if it's been more or less than ten
- 14 times?
- 15 A. I would estimate more than ten.
- 16 Q. And have there been other occasions where you have
- 17 seen a gun on their person, but not in their hand?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 O. Were you trained that you can shoot someone merely
- 20 for seeing a gun in their hand, that fact alone?
- 21 A. No, sir. Not that fact alone.
- There are other -- there are other facts to take
- 23 into account.
- Q. Had you ever seen a suspect, for example, with a
- 25 knife in their hand?

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- 2 A. Absolutely.
- 3 Q. Now, in terms of commands, you had some training
- 4 with respect to giving commands; correct?
- 5 A. And -- and I apologize, sir. Can you clarify on
- 6 that -- are we talking about de-escalating, or what kind of
- 7 commands other than verbal commands are we talking about?
- Q. Verbal commands. For example, were you generally
- 9 trained to try to give commands when they're given, in a loud
- 10 and clear voice so the person can understand them?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 12 Q. And were you generally trained to give the person an
- 13 opportunity to comply with the commands if you can do so
- 14 safely?
- 15 A. Yes, sir. If we can do so safely and it's feasible,
- 16 again, for the public safety, the suspect safety, and officer
- 17 safety.
- 18 Q. And you were also trained to avoid conflicting or
- 19 confusing commands if you can?
- 20 A. Yes, if you can, yes.
- 21 Q. And the concept of cover, you have some training on
- 22 that, true?
- A. Again, sir, just to clarify, I don't want to get
- 24 anything in the wrong context.
- 25 Are you saying as somebody is talking and gaining

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1	Q. And that might be like a vehicle stop where it's
2	high-risk, and then officers take positions of cover, and
3	then commands are given to the occupant on occupants of the
4	vehicle?
5	A. Yes, sir.
6	Q. In terms the less-lethal, you had training on the
7	40-millimeter?
8	A. Yes, sir.
9	Q. Have you had training on the bean bag shotgun?
10	A. Yes, sir.
11	Q. And have you had training on the Taser?
12	A. Yes, sir.

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And those are all less-lethal options; correct?

14 A. Yes, sir.

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- Q. Are the 40-millimeter bean bag shotguns generally
- 16 pain compliance weapons?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. So the training is that they're likely to cause pain
- 19 or injury, but the hope is in doing so, they can gain
- 20 compliance?
- 21 A. Yes, sir. Again, to clarify as well, the deployment
- or use of those are not going to be used until we kind of
- 23 employed other options again as far as gaining rapport or
- 24 talking to that person. But yes, the ultimate goal when
- 25 deploying those, there are certain areas that -- that you

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- 2 compliance for the suspect to then come to a peaceful
- 3 resolution.
- Q. And you were trained that, for example, the bean bag
- 5 shotgun could cause injury even serious injury to a person
- 6 potentially?
- 7 A. There is that potential, yes, sir.
- 8 Q. And same with the 40-millimeter, that could cause
- 9 injury or serious injury potentially to someone?
- 10 A. Again, yes, sir, potentially.
- 11 Q. And then the Taser, as you are I'm sure aware, can
- 12 be used from a distance where you can strike a suspect if you
- 13 get the appropriate spread, the goal is to get the
- 14 neuromuscular incapacitation to give you an opportunity to
- 15 take the person into custody?
- 16 A. Yes. There is that, but there is also I mean that
- 17 also has a potential risk of injury to the person as well.
- 18 Q. Correct. And then let's talk quickly about training
- 19 on deadly force and then we'll get into the incident.
- I'm assuming you're trained that deadly force is the
- 21 highest level of force an officer can use?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And that deadly force is likely to cause death or
- 24 serious bodily injury?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

1	Q. And I think you alluded to it earlier, but you're
2	generally trained that deadly force can only be used in
3	limited circumstance; is that fair?
4	A. Again, sir, I don't know if I would classify it as
5	limited circumstances. I would refer to our policy as when
- 6 —	that safety member reasonably believes there is immediate
7	threat of death or serious bodily injury to themselves or
8	others.
9	Q. And if there is not a reasonable belief of an
10	imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury, then your
11	training is deadly force should not be used; is that fair?
12	A. Again, per the policy, yes.
13	Again, you got to take into the reasonable
14	officer needs to take in the totality of the circumstances
15	depending on the case.
16	Q. So do you recall in the academy when you went there
17	being trained about the reverence for human life with respect
18	to the use of deadly force?
19	A. Yes, sir.
20	Q. Do you recall in the academy being trained that
21	deadly force should only be used as a last resort?
22	A. I don't recall anything being, again, anything last
23	resort. I recall, again, going back to the policy, when
24	where there is an immediate threat of life to yourself or
25	others or serious bodily injury, if that person has the

	Cory McCartny on 11/03/2025
1	intent, the opportunity, and the
2	Q. Ability
- 3	A. Opportunity to carry it out, yes.
4	Q. I think it's the intent, opportunity, and ability;
5	is that right?
6-6-	A. Yes, sir.
7	Q. I'm assuming that part of your training is that it
8	has to be an imminent threat of death or serious bodily
9	injury; it can't be just a fear of future harm; is that a
10	<pre>fair statement?</pre>
11	A. Yes, that's fair.
12	Q. And were you trained that you're responsible to
13	justify every shot when using deadly force?
14	A. Yes. We're we are trained, again, that we need
15_	to justify the the use of force.
16	Q. And are you trained that you should assess before
17	using deadly force and during the sequence of shots if you
18	can?
19	A. I apologize, sir. Just to clarify, that what do you
19 20	A. I apologize, sir. Just to clarify, that what do you mean by the sequence?
20	mean by the sequence?
20 21	mean by the sequence? Q. Well, for example, obviously, you are trained to
20 21 22	mean by the sequence? Q. Well, for example, obviously, you are trained to assess before shooting just to make sure there is that
20 21 22 23	mean by the sequence? Q. Well, for example, obviously, you are trained to assess before shooting just to make sure there is that imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury, true?

- 1 fire one shot like you did in the one matter, but sometimes
- 2 like in this case there might be multiple shots, even pauses
- 3 between some of the shots.
- And what I'm getting at, are you trained that you
- 5 should assess if there is multiple shots being fired during
- 6 the shooting sequence if you can?
- 7 A. Sir, if -- if you can, and again, you're -- you're
- 8 assessing as you're going through. Again, you're trained --
- 9 we're trained to stop the threat based on, again, the use of
- 10 force policy and deadly force policy we've covered already.
- 11 Q. And you're also trained to consider the background
- 12 or backdrop when you shoot?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And are you trained that a verbal warning that
- 15 deadly force is going to be used should be given when
- 16 feasible?
- 17 A. Just like you said, sir, when -- when feasible.
- 18 O. So let's talk a little bit about this incident.
- I understand you were at home when you got out text
- 20 from Sergeant Gaytan?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And there were other members of your team; is that
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And your recollection is you were the first one on

1	Q. Now, did you have any information that Mr. Perez had
2	pointed the gun at anyone?
- 3	A. We did not have information that he had pointed the
4	gun at anybody other than he did take the firearm out of his
5	pocket and brandished it at the female who was the reporting
6 —	party.
7	Q. But just to be fair, you didn't have any information
8	he pointed the gun at the female; is that true?
9	A. Excuse me. Yes, sir.
10	Q. And you didn't have any information he pointed the
11	gun at any of the officers; is that also true?
12	A. Yes, sir.
13	Q. And you certainly didn't have any information he had
14	fired the gun?
15_	A. That's correct.
16	Q. Did you have specific information as to whether the
17	gun was loaded or not?
18	A. No, sir. We did not have that. He again would not
19	comply with any commands from the patrol deputies to place
20	the gun on the ground. So we we didn't have an
21	opportunity to check.
22	O. Did you have any information that he had

- Q. Did you have any information that he had
- 23 specifically physically injured anyone such that they needed
- 24 medical attention?
- A. At that specific incident, no, sir.

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- 2 you approached the garage area?
- 3 A. It was, sir.
- 4 Q. And did you have an understanding as to if he had a
- 5 criminal history or not?
- 6 A. Yes, sir, he did.
- 7 Q. And what was your understanding of his criminal
- 8 history?
- 9 A. I do recall he had a charge for assault with the
- 10 deadly weapon that what I believe was dropped later.
- I don't recall anything or anymore offhand -- trying
- 12 to remember.
- Q. Did you have any specific information as to whether
- 14 he was under the influence of alcohol or drugs?
- 15 A. No, sir. The only information that we had was he
- 16 was -- he was acting strangely per the reporting party and he
- 17 was not following any commands by patrol deputies to drop the
- 18 firearm and comply with commands.
- 19 Q. Now, at some -- you want to take another sip of
- 20 water?
- 21 A. I'm okay, sir. Go ahead.
- Q. Okay. Please when you want to, let me know and I'll
- 23 stop, so you can.
- A. Will do. Thank you.
- Q. You're welcome. So at some point your team

1 Shortly after that I had Deputy Olivas who then	ıh۵

- 2 pointed her -- she had a handgun at him, and then Deputy
- 3 Stone with the less-lethal or 40-millimeter.
- Q. So at various times there would have been the three
- 5 weapons on your side, the handgun, the rifle, and the
- 6 40-millimeter?
- 7 A. Yes. Again, once Deputy Olivas took the initial
- 8 spot, I was behind them just having visual of him. I was not
- 9 pointing the weapon in -- in that direction.
- 10 It was pointed at the ground.
- 11 Q. And you're familiar with the term "low-ready?"
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Do you know if any of the officers on the left side
- 14 have their weapons either pointed at Mr. Perez or in a
- 15 low-ready while he was sitting on that chair before you went
- 16 in that BearCat?
- 17 A. I don't recall seeing if they did. I know that we
- 18 did have a plan in place of who was providing less-lethal
- 19 coverage and who was providing lethal coverage, but I did not
- 20 watch or specifically see them pointing they're weapons.
- 21 Q. During this time period whatever it was, three to
- 22 fifteen minutes that you were on the right side watching
- 23 Mr. Perez in that chair, did he ever fire that weapon?
- A. He did not.
- 25 Q. Did he ever point the weapon at anyone?

1	A. He did not.
2	Q. Did he ever raise the weapon from where it was in
3	his hand in the direction of anyone?
4	A. He did not.
5	Q. Based on your training, did you think it would have
6	been appropriate to shoot him while he was sitting in that
7	chair based on what you observed during that time frame?
8_	A. At that specific time frame, no, sir.
9	We were, again, that's why we were having the crisis
10	negotiators and we were hoping he would drop the firearm and
11	come to us and we can come to a peaceful resolution.
12	Q. And if he dropped the firearm and came to you, then
13	you would go hands-on with him and take him into custody?
14	A. Sir, I guess to specify or expand on that, just
15_	because we don't know the weapons that he has on him if he
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- 16 has more weapons. We have him walk to us and turn away from
- 17 us and get on his knees again making it safer for us and for
- 18 him and then place his hands behind his back, or maybe even
- 19 place him on his stomach so then we can take him into custody
- 20 safely.
- 21 Q. Did you hear him verbally threaten to harm any of
- 22 the officers?
- A. Excuse me. No, sir, I did not.
- Q. Did it appear at some point that he was getting
- 25 sleepy or tired?

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- 2 what Deputy Alcala said, but I believe he did tell him to put
- 3 the gun down. I know he was trying to gain that rapport,
- 4 telling him that this conversation is from father to father;
- 5 it's not too late to surrender.
- 6 Again, gaining that rapport, attempting to
- 7 de-escalate, and have him place that weapon down to
- 8 surrender.
- 9 Q. When you listened to your audio recently of the
- 10 incident, did you hear Deputy Alcala's voice on it from time
- 11 to time?
- 12 A. I do believe I hear it from time to time, yes.
- Q. And do you recall him saying something to the effect
- 14 that you're describing, hey, father to father, you have a
- 15 child, it's not too late to surrender, you know, just put the
- 16 gun down and walk towards us, or words to that effect?
- 17 A. Yes, sir. Again, I don't recall verbatim, but I do
- 18 remember the conversation of father to father, it's not too
- 19 late to surrender.
- Q. Okay. But just so that I'm clear, the entire time
- 21 that you saw the gun in Mr. Perez's right hand, he never
- 22 raised it, pointed it, or fired; it that true?
- 23 A. That's true.
- Q. And did you decide to try to reposition yourself in
- 25 the BearCat to see if you can get a better view or different

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1	perspective?
2	A. Yes, sir.
3	Q. And at some point did you learn that Mr. Perez
4	dropped the gun or put the gun down on the ground?
5	A. Yes, I did.
6	Q. And how did you learn that?
7	A. Well, sir, visually I did see him lean forward at
8_	the waist and stay seated in that bar stool, and when he sat
9	back up he placed his hands towards the side I believe and he
10	did not have the firearm.
11	And then it was communicated over the radio that he
12	did place the gun down which let us know that that was what
13	he placed on the ground at that location.
14	Q. So if we just stop right there, did you at least
15	look at that at the time as an act of compliance?
16	A. Yes. I was hoping that that would lead to a
17	peaceful surrender and then he would walk out to my deputies
18	and be taken into custody.
19	Q. And did you have an understanding as to where he
20	placed the gun down in relation to the chair he was sitting
21	on?
22	A. Yes. I had a good understanding of where he placed
23	it.
24	Q. And what was your understanding?
25	A. That he had placed the gun down.
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	Cory Mccarthy on 11/09/2023 Page 40
1	Again, he bent forward slightly at the waist and
2	placed the gun down in front of the bar stool.
- 3	He was still seated while he did it.
4	Q. And how far was this bar stool located from the far
5	end of the pool table?
6-6-	A. — It was a couple a couple feet.
7	Q. And could you see the gun from your perspective when
8	he made that movement and put it down?
9	A. I apologize, sir. Could I see his hands before he
10	placed it on the ground?
11	Q. Yeah. That was probably not a great question.
12	I mean after he put it on the floor and he came up,
13	you know, and you didn't see anything in his hands, could you
14	see the gun on the floor at that time?
15	A. I could not actually see the gun, no.
16	Q. And were you at that point in the BearCat or still
17	down on the ground level?
18	A. I was in the armored rescue vehicle.
19	Q. And where did you position yourself in the
20	BearCat?
21	A. I was located in the hatch or refer to as the in the
22	BearCat.
23	Q. And what was your viewpoint from there?
24	A. I was a little elevated due to it being a little
25	higher up in that armored rescue vehicle, and it was a hole

1	or	а	port	that	I	was	able	to	look	through.

- Q. And what portion of Mr. Perez could you see from
- 3 that perspective?
- A. Well, sir, if you're referring to while he is
- 5 sitting on the bar stool, I could see out to waistline or a
- 6 little below waist line up to the top of his head.
- 7 Q. Do you know if Alcala every told Mr. Perez to stand
- 8 up after he was telling him to put the gun down?
- 9 A. Sir, I don't know exactly what Alcala was telling
- 10 him. I knew that he was speaking to him, but I could not
- 11 make out exactly what he was telling him to do at that
- 12 time.
- Q. Did you see Mr. Perez stand up at some point?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. And when he stood up could you see his hands?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did he have anything in his hands at that point?
- 18 A. He did not, sir.
- 19 Q. And when he stood up did he reach for the gun that
- 20 was on the ground at the time he initially stood up?
- 21 A. He did not.
- Q. And did you look at him standing up as another act
- 23 of compliance?
- 24 A. Yes. As long as he continued to -- as the
- 25 communication continued to progress and, again, I was hoping

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2 surrender.

- 3 Q. Do you know either from listening to your audio or
- 4 from what you remember at the scene, whether he was asked to
- 5 step forward towards the officers?
- 6 A. Sir, I only listened to my audio, but I knew they
- 7 were speaking to him again. I could not make out exactly
- 8 what they were saying or communicating to him.
- 9 Q. When you listened to your audio recently, did you
- 10 hear those types of commands to step forward?
- 11 A. Again, sir, in my audio I don't recall hearing being
- 12 able to make out anything telling him to step forward.
- 13 Q. In any event did you see him walking forward?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And he would have been walking along one of the
- 16 sides of the pool table?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. From your perspective, was it the left side of the
- 19 pool table?
- 20 A. Yes, sir, from my perspective it was my left.
- Q. And that would be the side, I think, you told me
- 22 that Gaytan and Pollick was on, and who else, was it Moore?
- 23 A. Yes, sir. It was Deputy Moore, Deputy Pollick, and
- 24 Sergeant Gaytan.
- 25 Q. And I think you indicated in your statement that you

1 observed Mr. Perez walking along the side of the pool table
2 and maybe went a foot or two past it; is that your
3 recollection?
4 A. Yes. If your I believe it was like a foot or two
5 past the edge, yes.
Q. And then came to a stop?
7 A. Yes, yes, sir.
8 Q. You would have still been up in your position you
9 described in the BearCat?
10 A. Yes, sir.
11 Q. And while he was walking forward, did you see him
12 reaching in any of his pockets?
13 ——— A. — I don't recall him reaching pockets. (I believe he
14 had his hands down by his side, and on a couple occasions he
15 would cross his hands in front of him.
Q. You could at least see his hands from your point of
17 view?
18 A. Yes, sir.
Q. And at least at that time you can see he had no
20 weapons in his hands; is that true?
21 A. Yes. In his hands, yes. On his person, obviously,
22 we we did not know at that time.
Q. Did you see at least from your point of view
24 anything that looked like a weapon protruding from his
25 person?

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- 2 again, he could have had a weapon in his pockets, in his
- 3 waist band, at his lower back, and we would -- we would not
- 4 have known.
- 5 Q. Because you had not had an opportunity to search him
- 6 yet; is that fair?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. But I'm just getting at and I think you've answered
- 9 it; it's not like you saw the butt of a handgun sticking out
- 10 of his waistband or a big bulge in his pocket that you
- 11 thought was a weapon?
- You didn't see that, would you agree?
- 13 A. No, sir. We couldn't -- we couldn't see -- see
- 14 that.
- 15 Q. Now, do you have an estimate as to how long he was
- in a stopped position when he went a foot or two past the
- 17 pool table before he took that step backwards which we'll get
- 18 into in a moment?
- 19 A. I don't -- I don't recall as far as the time frames,
- 20 sir. I would estimate it a short, maybe a couple of
- 21 minutes.
- Q. And how close would he have been when he was in that
- 23 stopped position from the Officers Gaytan, Pollick, and Moore
- 24 on the left side?
- 25 A. I don't know the exact distance, sir, how close he

- 1 was to them at that time.
- 2 Q. Do you have any estimate? If he was a foot or two
- 3 past the pool table, and they were a couple feet from the
- 4 threshold, do you have any estimate or a range?
- 5 A. They -- they would be a couple -- several -- several
- 6 feet away.
- 7 Q. And do you know if they had their weapons directed
- 8 in his direction?
- 9 A. Again, I couldn't speak for them if they did, I
- 10 couldn't see if they did.
- 11 Again, I know who was -- Deputy Pollick and Deputy
- 12 Moore were assigned to lethal cover portion and Sergeant
- 13 Gaytan was assigned to the 40-millimeter.
- 14 Q. Was your weapon directed in his direction?
- 15 A. I had it in the low-ready at that time, sir.
- 16 Q. And during the time he was standing there, did you
- 17 see him reaching in his waist band or pockets at that time?
- 18 A. No, sir.
- 19 Q. And was the tactical plan as you understood it, if
- 20 he went towards or back towards where the firearm was at,
- 21 less-lethal would be deployed?
- 22 A. Yes, sir. That was discussed in our prior planning
- 23 when we were at the library, and that was also put out over
- 24 the radio again from Sergeant Gaytan so everybody knew.
- Q. That if he went back towards the firearm,

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- 2 stopped position from where that bar stool or chair that he
- 3 had been sitting on was?
- 4 A. I would estimate it to be approximately 10 to 10 to
- 5 12 feet, 10 to 13 feet.
- Q. And what would you estimate your distance to be from
- 7 Mr. Perez when he was in that stopped position?
- 8 _____A. Sorry, sir. Just from -- just from me to Perez when
- 9 he was standing stationary.
- 10 Q. Correct.
- 11 A. I would estimate him to be approximately 8 to 12
- 12 yards at that time.
- Q. As of the time that Mr. Perez was in that stopped
- 14 position, do you know if there was a K-9 on-scene?
- 15 A. I know that one was requested from Rialto Police
- 16 Department, and I do believe I heard a dog barking at that
- 17 time.
- 18 Q. Do you know if anyone had been designated with the
- 19 Taser at that point, up to the point where Mr. Perez came to
- 20 a stop?
- 21 And I don't mean with the prior patrol officers.
- I'm more focused on your team.
- 23 A. And I'm -- I'm sorry, sir.
- 24 What do you mean by designated as far as --
- Q. Well, let me I guess break it down.

1	First of all, do you know if anyone on your team had
2	a Taser?
3	A. I do believe some of the them do. I I couldn't
4	say for certain, though, who who did.
5	Q. But some of your team members generally carry
6	Tasers?
7	A. Yes, sir.
8	Q. And do you know if there was any discussion in the
9	tactical plan that anyone would be designated Taser?
10	In other words, you know, officer one, you're
11	40-millimeter, officer two, you're Taser if he comes close
12	enough.
13	Do you recall anything like that?
14	A. No, sir. I do not recall the anything brought up
15_	about the Taser. It was the 40-millimeter there was chemical
16	agents that were brought up as well and the light sound
17	diversionary device that was also talked about.
18	Q. Let me ask you about the was that a flash bang
19	essentially?
20	A. If you're referring to the light sound diversionary
21	device, then, yes, sir.
22	Q. How does that work, generally?
23	A. Sorry, sir. As far as what what part?
24	Q. Flash bang. In other words, how is it deployed and
25	what is the intended effect?

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- 2 point you heard over the radio that if he goes for the gun,
- 3 less-lethal from Stone and Gaytan would be deployed.
- 4 Do you recall talking about that?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. When did you hear that over the radio in relation to
- 7 the time frame that Mr. Perez was standing a little bit
- 8 beyond the end of pool table?
- 9 A. And I'm sorry, sir. Again, just to clarify, I know
- 10 he was standing at the end of the pool table, and that was
- 11 what was communicated over the radio. As far as the time
- 12 frame I -- I -- I don't know if I could answer that.
- 13 Q. So you don't remember if that was communicated
- 14 during the time frame he was standing or some other time?
- 15 A. No, sir. I -- I apologize. Just so I can
- 16 understand the question, he was standing at the end of the
- 17 pool table when that was communicated and that was put over
- 18 the radio and it was also communicated in our prior planning
- 19 while we were at the library as well.
- Q. Are you trained on the concept of contagious fire?
- 21 A. And I'm sorry, sir. Just to understand that as
- 22 well, are you talking about like a sympathetic fire or?
- 23 Q. Yes. Have you heard those terms either sympathetic
- 24 fire or contagious fire before in your training?
- 25 A. Yes, sir, I have.

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1	Q. And if you're more comfortable with sympathetic
2	fire, what do you understand that to mean?
- 3	A. My understanding of that is whether a specific
4	person hears either a loud noise, a gunshot, anything that
5	would indicate to them that either a gunshot has been taken
6-6-	place towards the person, they will then begin to shoot as
7	well or they could.
8	Q. And with respect to using the 40-millimeter, is part
9	of the training to announce to the other officers you're
10	going to use the 40 so they know it's less-lethal being
11	fired, and not lethal?
12	A. When when feasible, sir. That is in policy.
13	It's when feasible, and it is also discussed, again,
14	that's why it was discussed also in the prior planning as
15	_well so everybody knew that that was going to take place if
16	that happened.
17	Q. And what is the purpose of that in the training and
18 19	policy to announce even to the other officers that less-lethal like a 40-millimeter's going to be used?
20	A. Well, sir, again, you want to announce what is
21	happening so everybody whether it be patrol deputies and SED
22	personnel know what what is taken place and that
23	less-lethal is being deployed, and also as you indicated,
24	just to negate any type of sympathetic fire if that was to
25	arise.

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- 2 announced, that an officer may mistakenly believe it's a
- 3 lethal-round even potentially coming from the suspect, and
- 4 then that could lead to sympathetic fire.
- 5 Is that part of the training?
- A. Again, that -- that may be a part, and that's why
- 7 we, again, discussed that in the planning, and it was
- 8 communicated over the radio. So we knew it was -- was or if
- 9 it look place.
- 10 Q. Now, at some point you heard the 40-millimeter go
- 11 off; is that correct?
- 12 A. Yes. I heard and did see it.
- 13 Q. And you were still in the BearCat at that point?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. In the five or ten seconds before the 40-millimeter
- 16 was deployed, did you hear anybody yell out "40, 40, 40," or
- 17 words to that effect?
- 18 A. No, sir.
- 19 Q. You saw Mr. Perez taking a step back with his left
- 20 foot at some point and started to turn to his left; is that
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. Yes, sir. I did see Mr. Perez take a step back with
- 23 his left foot and turn towards the last location of the
- 24 firearm.
- 25 Q. When he took that step back, that's when you heard

1	the first 40-millimeter go off; is that true?					
2	A. Yes.					
3	Q. And when you heard the first 40-millimeter go off,					
4	what would you estimate Mr. Perez's distance to be from that					
5	chair at that point?					
6-6-	A. I would estimate it to be approximately 8 to 12 feet					
7	in between that.					
8	Q. And do you know now who fired that first					
9	40-millimeter?					
10	A. Yes, sir.					
11	Q. And what is your understanding?					
12	A. Deputy Stone.					
13	Q. And Deputy Stone, I think we talked about earlier					
14	was on the right side; correct?					
15	A. Yes, sir.					
16	Q. And could you tell if that first 40-millimeter					
17	struck Mr. Perez?					
18	A. Yes, I could.					
19	Q. And did it appear to strike him?					
20	A. Yes, it did.					
21	Q. Where did it appear to strike him?					
22	A. It struck him in his abdomen.					
23	Q. And did you see Mr. Perez's hands go to the area					
24	that it impacted him after he was struck in the abdomen?					
25	A. Yes, I did.					

	Cory McCartiny on 11/09/2025
1	Q. And did you see anything in his hands at that
2	<pre>point?</pre>
- 3	A. Excuse me. No, I did not, sir.
4	Q. And I think you told me earlier that the
5	40-millimeter is intended to cause pain?
6	A. It's it is used for a pain compliance, yes.
7	Q. And I think you told me earlier that it may cause
8	injury even potentially serious injury?
9	A. It could.
10	Q. Do you know if a lay person, so a non-law
11	enforcement person would know the difference between a
12	40-millimeter launcher and a firearm of some kind?
13	MS. ANDERSON: Objection to the extent that calls
14	for speculation.
15	But you can answer.
16	MR. GALIPO: It may. That's a good objection,
17	Kayleigh.
18	BY MR. GALIPO:
19	Q. But I'm just wondering whether you have any thoughts
20	on that.
21	A. And I'm sorry, sir. Could you specify on that as
22	far as are you are you referring to the looks of it if you
23	were to place a live firearm next to the 40-millimeter, if
24	somebody would be able to tell the difference?
25	Q. No. More like let's just say I'm sure you have
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- 2 enforcement or very little or very little about weapons.
- 3 You know, maybe some neighbors down the street,
- 4 maybe some friends or family members, do you think the
- 5 average person if they saw a 40-millimeter launcher would
- 6 automatically know, oh, that's not a real firearm, that's a
- 7 less-lethal firearm.
- 8 Or you think they wouldn't know the difference?
- 9 A. Sorry. I think that's a kind of a broad statement.
- 10 I -- it's hard to tell. I think that there would be
- 11 people that would be able to put two and two together, and
- 12 there may be people that may not.
- 13 Q. Okay. That's fair enough.
- Now, prior to hearing that 40-millimeter go off, did
- 15 you hear any lethal shots being fired?
- 16 A. No, sir.
- Q. And where were Mr. Perez's hands, if you know,
- 18 immediately prior to that 40-millimeter being fired?
- 19 A. I don't recall exactly. I do believe they were down
- 20 by the sides.
- 21 Q. And then you saw them immediately come to his
- 22 stomach area?
- A. After the 40-millimeter was deployed, yes.
- Q. Had you been present before when 40-millimeters had
- 25 been deployed and struck individuals?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. And do you have an estimate as to how many times,
- 3 different occasions where you saw 40-millimeter being
- 4 deployed and struck and individual?
- 5 A. Yes, sir. Multiple occasions, an estimate over --
- 6 over five.
- 7 Q. Have you ever fired the 40-millimeter and struck an
- 8 individual?
- 9 A. I have not, sir. My times with the 40-millimeter
- 10 were either to disable cameras or windows if we had to.
- 11 Q. And have you seen instances where someone struck by
- 12 a 40-millimeter got struck and then tried to move or run away
- 13 from being struck again?
- 14 A. Sir, all the ones that I had actually witnessed
- 15 deployed, the person had actually fell to the ground with
- 16 that painful compliance and surrendered.
- Q. Were you trained that one reaction people could have
- 18 of being struck by a bean bag shot gun or 40-millimeter could
- 19 be to run or try to run?
- 20 A. That could be, sir, with -- with any less-lethal)
- 21 tool.
- Q. And did you hear any additional 40-millimeters other
- 23 than the first one?
- A. I did see multiple 40-millimeters being deployed
- 25 after the first one, yes.

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- 2 A. I would estimate approximately I believe it was like
- 3 three to four.
- 4 Q. And how much time passed from the first
- 5 40-millimeter to the others that you heard and observed?
- A. Sir, it was a short time frame. It was
- 7 approximately a second or maybe a second and a half.
- 8 Q. So would it be fair to say that you heard
- 9 approximately three to four 40-millimeters being deployed
- 10 within a second or a second and a half?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And at the time that you heard those 40-millimeters
- 13 being deployed, did you see any weapon in Mr. Perez's hands
- 14 at that point?
- 15 _____ A. __ I did not.
- 16 O. Did you hear any lethal shots being fired before the
- 17 last 40-millimeter?
- 18 A. Before the last -- excuse me -- before the last
- 19 40-millimeter I did not.
- 20 Q. So from your perspective the first three to four
- 21 rounds fired at Mr. Perez were 40-millimeter rounds?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And could you tell if the other 40-millimeter rounds
- 24 struck him?
- 25 A. I -- I do believe I did see approximately two

- 2 Q. And one you saw to the abdomen and stomach and two
- 3 to the back?
- 4 A. Yes. I believe one was in the back and one was on
- 5 the backside.
- 6 Q. You're indicating like the back of the right arm
- 7 area?
- 8 A. Yes, sir. More towards in line with his back.
- 9 Q. So would it be fair to say you saw one strike him in
- 10 the front which would be the stomach or abdomen and two to
- 11 the backside?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And you believe those 40-millimeters were deployed
- 14 and struck him before any lethal rounds were fired?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. I'm looking down from time to time and I apologize.
- But I'm looking at your statement just so that you
- 18 know the transcription and some of the stuff we covered
- 19 already.
- 20 Did you know who was firing those additional
- 21 40-millimeters? In other words, did you believe it was all
- 22 Deputy Stone or some of them may have been Sergeant Gaytan?
- A. I knew that it was both of them, sir, because you're
- able to see some of those 40-millimeters in mid air, and you
- 25 were able to see the direction they were traveling.

	Cory McCartiny on 11/09/2025 1 age 33
1	Q. So your impression both Deputy Stone and Sergeant
2	Gaytan were firing the 40-millimeters?
3	A. That's what it appeared to me, yes.
4	Q. Now, at some point you fired your first shot;
5	correct?
6	A. That's correct.
7	Q. And where were you aiming on Mr. Perez's body when
8	you fired your first shot?
9	A. Once once he made an attempt to grab reach down
10	where the firearm was, it was I aimed at the back of his
11	head is what was presented to me at the time.
12	Q. And what did you have on your weapon so you were
13	able to aim at the back of his head?
14	Did you use your sights, or did you can you
15	explain that?
16	A. Yes, sir. Again, I guess an easier term is it's
17	just a red dot sight, just a red dot we have it zero'd at
18	specific distance and it's a red dot.
19	Q. And at the time and you actually fired two
20	rounds, initially?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. And those were both aimed towards the back of his
23	head?
24	A. Yes, sir.
25	Q. At anytime before you fired those two rounds, and

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- 2 being fired and in between your first shot, did you see a gun
- 3 in Mr. Perez's hand during that time frame?
- 4 A. I did not see qun in his hand. Again, up to my
- 5 first shot is when he -- he leaned forward at the waist and I
- 6 could see his right hand go down to where the last known
- 7 location where we knew the gun was.
- 8 Q. And could you see the gun from your position in the
- 9 BearCat at any time in between the first less-lethal round
- 10 and the time that you fired your initial two rounds?
- 11 A. No, sir, I didn't. I did not -- I never did see the
- 12 qun while it was back there, but it was communicated and we
- 13 knew where he placed the gun down.
- Q. And how much time would you estimate passed from you
- 15 hearing the first 40-millimeter round and you firing your
- 16 first round?
- 17 A. I would estimate probably, sir, a second and a half
- 18 to two seconds, maybe two and a half seconds.
- 19 Q. And was he still on his feet when you fired your
- 20 first two rounds?
- 21 A. It did appear to me he was still on his feet, sir.
- 22 Again, he -- he bent forward at the waist. I -- I
- 23 did see his right hand go towards and motion like he was
- 24 grabbing the firearm.
- Q. And do you know if you were the first officer to

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- 2 the same time?
- 3 A. I don't know, sir, if I was the -- if I was the
- 4 first one to fire if that's your specific question. I do
- 5 know that all other officers did shoot now again after --
- 6 after the fact I knew that.
- 7 Q. And so after your first two rounds where you were
- 8 aiming at the back of his head, did you see him go behind the
- 9 pool table or the far end of the pool table?
- 10 A. Yes, sir. It did appear to me that he almost looked
- 11 like he took a kneeling position, was using the pool table as
- 12 almost a piece of cover like you described earlier that you
- 13 were asking me.
- Q. And when he was in that kneeling position, did you
- 15 fire any additional rounds at him?
- 16 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- 17 Q. How many additional rounds did you fire at Mr. Perez
- 18 when he was in a kneeling position?
- 19 A. Sir, I fired a total of 14. So if we're not talking
- 20 about the first two, that would be 12 more shots, sir.
- 21 Q. And how much time do you think passed between your
- 22 first two shots and then your next volley of shots?
- A. I would estimate less than a second, sir.
- Q. Did you see any gun in his hand when you fired your
- 25 second volley of shots?

- 1 A. Again, sir, I -- I apologize. Just so I understand,
- when you're talking about volleys, I know you talked about
- 3 the first two shots. You're just talking directly about the
- 4 shots thereafter?
- 5 Q. Yeah. I mean I'm just going by your description in
- 6 your statement, and you seem to describe, like I fired two
- 7 shots, and then you're explaining your next group and your
- 8 next group.
- 9 So I'm just thinking of them as volley of shots.
- 10 Does that make sense?
- 11 A. Yes, sir. Again, I'm just asking for clarification
- 12 so I understand.
- 13 Q. Sure. So I'm thinking of your first two shots when
- 14 he was still on his feet as your first volley. It sounds
- 15 like your second volley of shots he was on his knees; is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. It did appear to me that he had, again, made it to
- 18 the pool table and took cover behind the pool table. It -- I
- 19 would describe it as a kneeling position almost it seemed
- 20 like he got into.
- 21 Q. And you indicate in your statement you fired an
- 22 additional three shots initially; is that correct?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. And I was wondering when you fired those three
- 25 shots, could you see a gun in his hand?

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- 2 I knew, again, based off of his actions with his
- 3 right hand reaching down, that at that point he had got to
- 4 where the gun was and had the gun.
- Q. And then it appears in your statement you fired an
- 6 additional fire or six rounds into the pool table?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. And what were you trying to accomplish by firing the
- 9 rounds into the pool table at that point?
- 10 A. Sir, you asked me a question about cover earlier in
- 11 our interview. That pool table or a pool table like the hard
- 12 wood is an example of that. I knew based on my training you
- 13 can't just shoot once and it's not going to go through a hard
- 14 object such as that.
- So just at the time I believed if I shot a couple or
- 16 shot through that specific side, it may go through, but after
- 17 those five to six shots I was able to stop and assess and
- 18 make the determination that it was not going to do that.
- 19 Q. Was your intent with those five or six shots to try
- 20 to strike Mr. Perez by shooting through the pool table?
- 21 A. Yes. Again, I was trying to stop the threat at that
- 22 time.
- Q. And then there was a slight pause, I think, and you
- 24 heard some other gunfire during that pause?
- 25 A. Excuse me, yes, sir. I did stop and assess at that

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- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you hear any other rifle shots going off other
- 5 than yours during the shooting sequence?
- 6 A. I don't recall hearing another rifle, sir, while I
- 7 was -- during this time.
- 8 Q. And then after you heard the two or three rounds
- 9 from the handgun, you fired more additional shots?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. How many additional shots did you fire?
- 12 A. I believe I fired three shots, sir.
- Q. And where were you aiming when you fired those three
- 14 shots?
- 15 A. Well, sir, because of that pool table and the place
- 16 of cover that it -- that it was, I aimed for the concrete
- 17 below that knowing based off my training that you would be
- 18 able to skip the rounds again to stop the threat.
- Q. Let me you ask you this: You knew that Mr. Perez
- 20 had been sitting in that chair for some period of time with
- 21 that gun in his hand while patrol officers were there before
- 22 you replace them; is that true?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And to your knowledge, he never fired the gun,
- 25 pointed the gun, or even raised the gun at any patrol

1	officers; is that fair?
2	A. Yes, sir.
3	Q. And then you saw him sitting in the chair for some
4	period of time with the gun in his right hand, and you told
5	me that you never saw him shoot the gun, point the gun, or
6	even raise the gun at anybody; is that also true?
7	A. Yes, sir.
8	Q. And your understanding was there was a
9	heart-to-heart talk with him, father-to-father about
10	surrendering, and at some point he placed the gun down in
11	front of that chair?
12	A. Yes, sir.
13	Q. And then he stood up and walked towards the officers
14	along the side of the pool table ending up about one or two
15	feet beyond the edge?
16	A. Yes, sir.
17	Q. And then he took one step back with his left foot,
18	and that's when the 40-millimeter started?
19	A. Yes, sir.
20	Q. And you observed the first 40-millimeter strike him
21	in the abdomen and him put his hands there which is something
22	you've probably seen before; correct?
23	A. It is.
24	Q. And then he turned away, and he was continued having
25	the 40-millimeter fired at him, and you saw two you believe
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- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And then you from your position, the BearCat, were
- 4 aiming at the back of his head for two shots?
- 5 A. Yes, sir. Again, he was reaching bent forward at
- 6 the waist reaching with his right hand to where that firearm
- 7 was placed on the ground as if he was retrieving the
- 8 firearm.
- 9 Q. Well, he also could have been trying to get out of
- 10 harms' way from the 40-millimeter rounds and your two shots
- 11 to the back of his head, don't you think?
- MS. ANDERSON: Objection. Calls for speculation.
- But you can answer.
- 14 THE WITNESS: No, sir, I do not, and because I've
- seen on multiple occasions when the 40-millimeter has been
- 16 deployed, an example is on a hostage rescue, a man had taken
- 17 to mentally disabled people as hostage, he had a knife in his
- 18 hand. We deployed the less-lethal 40-millimeter, he then
- 19 fell to the ground and peacefully surrendered.
- We had another incident where a suspect came out of
- 21 the house, was being combative and would not comply, and it
- 22 was deployed, and he did the same thing where he fell to the
- 23 ground and immediately surrendered.
- 24 Unfortunately, Mr. Perez dictated that and ran
- 25 towards the firearm, again, posing an immediate threat to

- 1 myself and my partners.
- 2 BY MR. GALIPO:
- Q. Well, you told me earlier that you can't shoot
- 4 someone merely for seeing a gun in the hand, remember that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And you, I think, have told me that after he came to
- 7 a stop at the end of the pool table, you never saw a gun in
- 8 his hand, true?
- 9 A. Again, I saw him reach down bent forward at the
- 10 waist reaching for where the gun was last placed.
- 11 Q. I understand that part. But you never actually saw
- 12 a gun in his hand; is that fair?
- 13 ——— A. I did not, sir.
- 14 Q. So if he had not pointed the gun or tried to shoot
- the gun before the patrol officers got there and hadn't
- 16 pointed the gun or try to shoot the gun during the entire
- 17 time the patrol officers were there, and hadn't pointed the
- 18 gun or tried to shoot the gun during the time frame you all
- 19 were watching him, and then put the gun down, stood up and
- 20 walked forward and only started moving away or running once
- 21 the 40-millimeter was deployed, why in your mind did you
- 22 think he suddenly was going to try to grab the gun and have a
- 23 shoot-out with six officers?
- MS. ANDERSON: Objection. Calls for speculation;
- 25 lacks foundation.

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1	But you can answer.
2	THE WITNESS: Well, sir, he did not begin to go back

- first off when the 40-millimeter. He -- unfortunately, 3
- Mr. Perez dictated that by making the motion that he was 4
- 5 taking a step back towards where the firearm was placed.
- 6 And then the less-lethal munitions were deployed.
- 7 Again, we were doing that in attempt to gain
- 8 compliance so Mr. Perez would peacefully surrender and this
- 9 unfortunately this situation would never happen.
- 10 BY MR. GALIPO:

- 11 Was a robot sent in at some point after the shots? Q.
- 12 Α. Yes, sir.
- 13 Did you hear any shots being fired at after your Q.
- 14 last shot?
- I don't recall hearing any shots, sir, after mine. 15 Α.
- 16 0. Was it reported that his hands were underneath his
- 17 body at some point?
- 18 I do believe that was a reported once the
- 19 robot did get close to him.
- 20 Q. And did you do a tactical reload on your magazine?
- 21 Α. I did, sir.
- 22 Q. And you noticed after the shooting when you approach
- 23 Mr. Perez that he was still breathing; correct?
- 24 Yes, sir. Α.
- 25 And was he eventually handcuffed? Q.

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- 2 Pollick as we approached began to secure him of any other
- 3 weapons on him. Deputy Stone secured the firearm and then we
- 4 just began to provide medical attention to him.
- 5 Q. Did he have any other weapons on him?
- 6 A. Other than the original firearm that we have talked
- 7 about, no, he did not.
- 8 Q. And that original firearm, was that a black
- 9 semiautomatic handgun?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And you saw it near his left arm; correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. You did not see it specifically in his hand; is that
- 14 true?
- 15 A. I don't recall if I saw it specifically in his hand,
- 16 sir. I know it was near his left arm, forearm area.
- 17 Q. And then given your background as an EMT, you were
- 18 looking in part for gunshot wounds; is that correct?
- 19 A. Yes, sir. Myself and Deputy Pollick our main
- 20 concern at that point was to provide Mr. Perez with medical
- 21 attention and get him to a higher level of care to obviously
- 22 preserve -- preserve life as best as we could.
- Q. Right. But at that point you noticed he had been
- 24 struck by multiple gunshots; correct?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- 2 wounds to his back, three to his upper right side of his
- 3 back, and right shoulder, the back of the right shoulder.
- 4 Do you recall him having multiple gunshot wounds?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Do you recall if he was also struck in the head?
- 7 A. Yes, he was. I know Deputy Pollick the way we
- 8 __approached the medical -- medial service part down is I took
- 9 the lower half and Deputy Pollick took the upper half, and I
- 10 do recall Deputy Pollick said he did have a gunshot wound to
- 11 his head.
- 12 Q. And you were aiming for his head when you fired your
- 13 two shots?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. And your assessment was even with all these gunshot
- 16 wounds, at least when you were assessing with Deputy Pollick,
- 17 Mr. Perez was still alive and breathing; is that correct?
- 18 A. Yes, he was.
- 19 O. Do you have an understanding now from reviewing
- 20 materials, I don't want to know what the lawyers told you,
- 21 how many gunshots were fired altogether?
- 22 A. You know what, sorry. I didn't look at that
- 23 specifically as far as how many qunshots. I referred to my
- 24 material and my statements.
- Q. How did you determine that you fired 14 shots?

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- A. Briefly. He did turn and hunch over at the waist,
- 3 yes.
 - Q. And you had your rifle on semiautomatic mode?
 - 5 A. Yes, sir.
 - 6 Q. You remember a pool of blood forming after the
 - 7 shooting?
 - 8 A. I apologize, sir. What time frame are you
 - 9 reporting --
- 10 Q. At any time frame, do you recall after the shooting
- 11 do you recall seeing a pool of blood?
- 12 A. I did not see one in the while I was in the armored
- 13 rescue vehicle. Once I got to the left side of the garage
- 14 and the robot was deployed, I began to putting my gloves on
- and was able to look around the corner and did see that right
- 16 before we moved up to Mr. Perez to secure the firearm and
- 17 provide medial attention.
- 18 Q. Did the paramedics get there at some point?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And how much time do you think passed before the
- 21 paramedics got there?
- 22 A. Again, just so I'm clear, sir, on that part, as far
- 23 as from what time?
- When I initially began to provide medical attention
- 25 to him?

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- 2 O. In the ten seconds before the 40-millimeter was
- 3 deployed, did you hear any warning that the 40-millimeter was
- 4 going to be deployed verbally at that time?
- 5 A. Again, sir, other than the planning over the at the
- 6 library and then also on the radio, if he makes a move
- 7 towards that firearm again, that less-lethal would be
- 8 deployed, nobody -- I do not recall hearing anybody yell out
- 9 specifically less-lethal.
- 10 Q. And I was including in my question any warning to
- 11 Mr. Perez that they were going to use less-lethal on him if
- 12 he did or didn't do something?
- 13 A. If they did say that to him, sir, I did not hear
- 14 that or was out the range where I can hear them say that.
- Q. Did you ever give him any commands?
- 16 A. I did not.
- 17 Q. Did you ever give a verbal warning that you were
- 18 going to use deadly force to him?
- 19 A. I never said anything to Mr. Perez.
- 20 Q. Did you ever hear any officer give him a verbal
- 21 warning that deadly force was going to be used?
- 22 A. No, sir.
- 23 O. And at the time that of that first 40-millimeter
- 24 round, I think you told me you saw Mr. Perez take one step
- 25 back with his left foot?

- 1 could see was the back of his head and it looked like the
- 2 back of his upper right shoulder, upper right side of his
- 3 back.
- Q. And then when you fired your next three rounds, what
- 5 parts of his body, if any, could you see?
- 6 A. I could not see any part of his body, sir.
- 7 Q. What were you aiming for, where you thought his
- 8 upper body was?
- 9 A. Yes. I believe at that time that's, again, he was
- 10 kneeling behind that pool table with that firearm. So I
- 11 believed his upper body was around either the crowing of the
- 12 pool table.
- Q. And when you fired your next five or six rounds,
- 14 could you see any part of his body at that time?
- 15 A. I could not, sir.
- 16 Q. And when you fired your last three rounds, could you
- 17 see any part of his body at that time?
- 18 A. No, sir.
- 19 O. So after your first two rounds where you were aiming
- 20 for the back of his head, were all your other rounds you were
- 21 intending to strike him in his upper body or center mass?
- 22 A. Yes, sir. Again, I was more focused on stopping the
- 23 threat at -- at that time.
- Q. And why did you stop firing if you couldn't see him
- 25 for your second volley or third volley or fourth volley, why

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